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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6879**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 222

**NOTE PREPARED:** Dec 28, 2005

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Tuition Exemption.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Tallian

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill provides a tuition exemption at state educational institutions to the child of a member of the armed services who was killed or disabled during a war or period of hostile actions by an enemy government or hostile force, whether or not the member of the armed services participated in actual combat.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2006.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** It is unknown how many additional students would qualify for a tuition exemption under the bill. For FY 2005, 5,410 students received fee remissions totaling \$15.5 M for an average of \$2,860. The current statute states that an eligible student is entitled to schooling for 124 semester credit hours without payment of any tuition or mandatory fees. In the past, if fee remission exceeded appropriation levels, the Student Assistance Commission delayed payment to universities until the next fiscal year and requested an additional appropriation to fund the rollover amount in the next biennial budget.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** State Student Assistance Commission.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:** State Student Assistance Commission's Activity and Program Report for Academic Year 2004-2005.

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